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November 18, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
STOCKER STREET MEDIAN LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
FROM OVERHILL DRIVE TO DON FELIPE DRIVE
ADOPT AND ADVERTISE CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 86915;
PROJECT I.D. NO. RDC0015083
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF VIEW PARK
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The project is one in a series of street beautification and greening projects in the Second District to provide enhanced services in the unincorporated communities of the County. The proposed improvements will include landscaping within eight existing raised medians and installation of an irrigation system in the unincorporated community of View Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the plans and specifications for the Stocker Street Median Landscaping Improvement Project (Capital Project No. 86915) from Overhill Drive to Don Felipe Drive in the unincorporated community of View Park at an estimated construction cost of \$934,000.
2. Call for construction contract bids to be received on December 16, 2008.

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3. Instruct the Executive Officer of your Board to advertise the project, seal, and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to proceed with the solicitation of construction contract bids for the Stocker Street Median Landscaping Improvement Project, Capital Project (C.P.) No. 86915, and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to deliver the project. Following review of construction bids, Public Works will return to your Board to recommend award of the construction contract.

The proposed project scope consists of the installation of an irrigation system and landscaping within eight raised medians on Stocker Street from Overhill Drive to Don Felipe Drive in the unincorporated community of View Park. The estimated area of the improvement is 56,000 square feet and over 2,500 plants and 8 trees will be installed.

The design of this project was completed by Public Works at a cost of \$49,000 and was funded by the Road Fund Budget. The installation of an irrigation system and landscaping of eight raised medians will be completed by a qualified construction contractor. The construction contract will be awarded to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder through a competitive bid process as described herein (see Contracting Process).

Green Building/Sustainable Design

The project will support the intent of your Board's Green Building/Sustainable Design policy by using moderate to drought tolerant landscaping. This will minimize required maintenance services and reduce the amount of irrigation and use of other resources that support maintenance activities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Community Services (Goal 6). The recommended action will improve the quality of life for the residents of View Park by enhancing the aesthetics of the street medians on Stocker Street from Overhill Drive to Don Felipe Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost estimate is \$1,202,000, which includes \$1,027,000 for a construction contract and change order contingency, \$49,000 for completed design services, and \$126,000 for County Services, which includes contract administration, project management, and quality control inspection.

Funding for the project consists of \$1,153,000 of Second District one-time net County cost allocated for enhanced unincorporated area services and \$49,000 from Public Works' Road Fund Budget.

The Fiscal Year 2008-09 Proposed Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget includes sufficient appropriation to fund the project costs. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Attachment A.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on current Salary and Employee Benefits/Maintenance Contractor rates, the annual cost to maintain the improvements is estimated at \$26,000. This ongoing cost is anticipated to be incurred beginning in Fiscal Year 2009-10. Sufficient appropriation will be included in the Second District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Road Fund Budget Request to fund the required maintenance.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On July 29, 2008, Agenda No. 41, your Board approved C.P. No. 86915 scope of work and total project budget.

Pursuant to your Board's adopted Civic Art Policy, this project is exempt from contributing a Civic Art Fee because the project's scope of work consists of street improvements.

This project is to be completed by the contractor in 80 working days with an additional 90 days for plant establishment. Thereafter, County Forces will provide for another additional 90 days to complete the 6-month plant establishment period. It is estimated the construction will start in March 2009, be completed in July 2009. Following the contractor's plant establishment period, field acceptance will be in October 2009 with final acceptance in December 2009 following the County Force's plant establishment period.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works. A standard contract, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal Income Tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On July 29, 2008, Agenda No. 41, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive basis. The contract will be awarded to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code. To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to (1) comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program; (2) report solicitation of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees; (3) comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program; and (4) comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will improve the quality of life for the residents of View Park by enhancing the aesthetics of the raised street medians on Stocker Street from Overhill Drive to Don Felipe Drive.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; one to Public Works, Programs Development Division and one to Construction Division; and return the sealed plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. T. Fujioka', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Department of Public Works

ATTACHMENT A

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Project Needs Assessment	N/A
Project Feasibility	N/A
Project Program Validation	N/A
Design	2/28/08*
Contract Award	2/03/09
Construction	10/27/09
Field Acceptance	12/29/09
Final Acceptance	

*Actual completion date.

PROJECT FUNDING CHART

Budget Category	Proposed Total Project Budget	Proposed C.P. No 86915 Budget	Public Works Road Fund Budget
Land Acquisition	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction			
(a) Construction	\$934,000	\$934,000	N/A
(b) Change Orders	\$ 93,000	\$93,000	N/A
Equipment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plans and Specifications	\$49,000	N/A	\$49,000
Consultant Services	N/A	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jurisdictional Review and Plan Check	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Services	\$ 126,000	\$126,000	N/A
TOTAL	\$1,202,000	\$1,153,000	\$49,000

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	Proposed Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Construction	
Low Bid Construction Contract	\$ 934,000
Job Order Contract	0
Change Orders	93,000
Departmental Crafts	0
Youth Employment	0
Construction Consultants	0
Misc. Expense	0
Telecomm Equip – Affixed to Building	0
Civic Arts	0
Subtotal	\$ 1,027,000
Programming/Development	\$ 0
Plans and Specifications	\$ 49,000
Consultant Services	
Site Planning	\$ 0
Hazardous Materials	0
Geotech/Soils Report and Soils Testing	0
Material Testing	0
Cost Estimating	0
Topographic Surveys	0
Construction Management	0
Construction Administration	0
Environmental	0
Move Management	0
Equipment Planning	0
Legal	0
Construction/Change Order	0
Other:	0
Subtotal	\$ 0
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 0
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permit	\$ 0
County Services	
Code Compliance Inspection	\$ 0
Quality Control Inspection	50,000
Design Review	0
Design Services	0
Contract Administration	42,000
Project Management	22,000
Project Management Support Services	0
ISD Job Order Contract Management	0
DPW Job Order Contract Management	0
ISD ITS Communications	0
Project Security	0
Project Technical Support	0
Office of Affirmative Action	0
County Counsel	0
Other:	12,000
Sheriff Job Order Contract Management	0
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Field Acceptance (Plant Establishment)	10/27/09
Final Acceptance (Plant Establishment)	12/29/09

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INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accordance with Section 20392 of the Public Contract Code:

Publish: At least ten consecutive times, prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board, or for at least two consecutive times prior to such date in a weekly newspaper printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in four weeks.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the construction of landscaping, an irrigation system, decomposed granite pavement, colored concrete maintenance path, and the performance of other appurtenant work under Project ID No. RDC0015083, Stocker Street Median Landscaping Improvement Project, in the unincorporated community of View Park.

The bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. The bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The work is estimated to cost between \$850,000 and \$975,000 and shall be completed in 80 working days. The work requires a California Class C27 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Harry Cong at (626) 458-3111.

The bids must be submitted on the proposal forms included in the bidder's package of the contract documents, which may be purchased for \$15, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$19, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to County of Los Angeles in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the bid to guarantee that the bidder will enter into the contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination prepared by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms included as part of the proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible bidder is a bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the contract, or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated November 18, 2008.

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisors

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